

## Correspondence.

### Dalton Dots.

Mrs. William Kurtz is very sick.

Miss Grace Tate made a trip to Brunswick Wednesday.

J. W. Fletcher and Chas. A. Keyser made a business trip to Keytesville Wednesday.

Mrs. Smith Campbell visited friends in Darlington, Mo., Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Dr. A. S. Talbott and son, Ned, and Misses Mattie Fleming and Fannie Enoch went to Moberly Wednesday.

W. A. Taylor is spending a few of the holidays with his son, Warren, who is station agent for the Wabash at Carlow, Mo.

Mrs. J. M. Wilhite and son, Felix, went to Salisbury Friday. Mrs. W. returned home Sunday, but Felix did not return until Tuesday.

Ed Taff, wife and three children of near King City, Mo., are visiting Mrs. Taff's brother, Clyde Smith, and family of this place.

Our holidays this year have been enlivened by the welcome visit of some of our old friends, Mrs. Mary Hess and daughter, Mrs. Hattie Holland, both of Centerville, Iowa.

"Uncle" Hade Fleming, our city marshal, has been strictly enforcing the curfew law during the past two weeks, and we find that it is a great benefit to our community. "Keep 'em movin'," Uncle Hade.

F. T. Taylor, junior member of the firm of J. F. Taylor & Son, is very sick at M. T. Davenport's home, west of town. This is a severe trial for Frank as it has been only a short time since he got over a very hard attack of typhoid fever.

### Scribner Shots.

The young folks are having a nice time skating since the freeze.

Clyde Smith's children of Dalton visited their uncle, J. H. Cash, Saturday.

Lee Hocker of Prairie Hill visited his sister, Mrs. W. H. Burns, Sunday.

Mrs. G. S. Brooks and children of Salisbury are here visiting friends and relatives.

George Bennett and Miss Allie Heaton of Eccles spent Sunday with B. R. Collet and family.

J. C. Moore finished gathering 50 acres of corn Tuesday that averaged 50 bushels to the acre.

Julius Sleyster and family of Bowling Green spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Sleyster's parents, Fred Burns and wife.

Miss Effie Scotten, the efficient teacher of Bluff Point school, and who spent the holidays with homefolks, returned to her school duties the first of the year.

Henry Arnsmeier and wife made the hearts of the little folks glad by giving them a Christmas tree laden with toys, candies and other things that delight the children.

### Musselfork Memoirs.

Shannon Wilson is visiting relatives in Indiana.

Roy McKittrick of Hale is visiting the family of his grandfather, Judge Welch, and friends.

Miss Pearl Welch, a Brunswick student, is taking Christmas and New Year with her parents.

Curtis Chrane and Lillian Harlan, students of the Warrensburg normal, are visiting their parents.

The Misses Wilkerson, daughters of Jno. Wilkerson, are visiting their brother, Richard of Kansas City.

Omer Rutledge and Mac Houston, two youthful beaux of Prairie Hill, were here Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Franklin of Eccles spent two days of Christmas week with their daughters, Mrs. Theo. Seifert and Mrs. Jno. Palmer.

Cadets Aura Chrane and Earl Kavanaugh and their sisters, Zula and Hattie, of the Prairie Hill academy are spending the holidays with homefolks.

A. W. and L. P. Walter, form-

erly of Manzanola Colo., but more recently of Kansas City, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Walter.

The Union Sunday-school at Musselfork elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: J. A. Jaco, superintendent; Mrs. J. R. Gaines, assistant superintendent; Victor Chrane, secretary and treasurer; Miss Wallas Kavanaugh, organist, and D. W. Strickler, chorister.

T. B. Wilson, one of Musselfork's popular merchants, left Dec. 26 for Indianapolis, Ind., where he will take an optical course in one of the splendid schools of that city. Mr. Wilson has heretofore made quite a study in this line and on completing his review at Indianapolis will thoroughly understand the business of fitting glasses properly.

Miss Lizzie Taylor closed her school in Musselfork district Wednesday last with an entertainment in the evening. Miss Lizzie's school should have continued two months longer, but on account of a serious affection of the vocal cords, which impaired her voice, she was compelled to hand in her resignation which was accepted upon the promise that she would teach the remaining two months with the spring term.

### Collinswood Chips.

Post-office matters are rapidly assuming shape and we hope to soon have the long-looked for office.

Mrs. Will Wirt continues ill, as does also Mrs. Isaac Grinstead; the rest of those on the sick list have recovered.

Items are scarce this week; guess we were all too busy enjoying ourselves to keep our eyes open for news items.

Employees of the sawmill are on their Christmas vacation. We miss the sound of the whistle—in fact, we have all purchased alarm clocks.

J. W. Nichols, O. V. Baker, Richard Bash and Mr. Edeman were business visitors in town last week. We are always busy when these good men come to town.

Cold weather, no mud and other good things, too numerous to mention, made the Christmas, just passed, a merry one; our farmers are happy, our woodmen are smiling, the employees of the Land Improvement company feel good, and there is plenty of employment for all who want it. Verily, our lines might be cast in more unpleasant places.

### Triplet Topics.

A. W. McWilliams and J. H. Brown were in Brunswick Saturday.

W. D. Crockett returned from a prospecting tour to Arkansas Friday.

Prof. C. F. Merrifield and bride came in from St. Louis Friday evening.

Mrs. A. E. Gearing is visiting friends and relatives in Lamoni, Iowa.

W. O. Bell and Henry Wilkin left for Lee's Summit Tuesday night on a business trip.

Lloyd Bowman of Boonville came up Sunday to visit his brother, J. C., the druggist.

Jack Williams of the Indian Grove country was visiting the fair sex at this place Sunday.

John Millican, night operator at this place, left last week for a week's vacation with his brother in Kansas City.

Miss Mattie Quisenberry of Carrollton was the guest of the family of A. R. Cawthron during the holidays.

Moses Hardy came home from Kansas City Saturday after several days' visit to his daughter, Mrs. D. B. Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleming left Wednesday for Sullivan, Ill., to make their future home. We regret to lose these good people from our community.

Eugene Lee, who has been acting as a salesman for the Creel Lumber Co. at Kansas City, Kas., returned last week for a month's vacation.

J. A. Piper, mine host of the

City hotel, had a sale of personal property Saturday. Everything brought good prices and quite a large crowd was in attendance.

Miss Eula Hooper, who has been taking a course in music in St. Louis for the past several months, came in last week to spend the holidays with her parents, J. A. Hooper and wife.

Prof. C. A. Greene left for Armstrong via Richmond Saturday. Wonder why he went so far out of his way to get there? There must be a Joy(ful) attraction for the professor at Richmond.

Mrs. C. E. Remington and son, Mack, of Kansas City visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McWilliams, and Mrs. R.'s two sisters, Mesdames Brown and Eubank, during the holidays. They returned home Saturday.

Sunday evening at the residence of the bride's father, P. M. Bell, Miss C. R. Bell and J. Clyde Bowman were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. J. H. Webb. Mr. Bowman is in the drug business at this place and counts his friends by the score. We congratulate him on winning the heart of such an estimable young lady, and predict for them a happy future.

J. A. Smith, a former business man of Triplett, but now in the banking and lumber business at Geary, Okla., came in Wednesday to visit friends and relatives for several days. Mr. Smith has a great scheme in his mind which he thinks will work out as a fine investment and that is, to induce several of the natives to return with him to the territory where he will endeavor to pass them off for Indians and thereby secure a tract of land for each. We heartily endorse this plan and will render him every assistance that we can.

### Salisbury Scribbles.

Our public school will open January 12.

Miss Edna Logan is home for the holidays.

We will follow custom and only put up a "half sheet" week.

Hauling ice is the order of the day, but the quality is not first class.

Mrs. J. W. Redd is convalescent and will soon be up and around.

Chas. Holderle is suffering from a very sore hand and blood poisoning is feared.

The Leach Bros. are building an elevator at their grain depot on Second street.

The farmers' meeting for the purpose of taking steps to straighten the Chariton met at the City hall January 1.

Mrs. W. T. Pipes of Okarcho, Okla., came in Friday to attend the burial of her nephew, "Toger" Williams, whose tragic death is announced elsewhere.

Miss Nannie Williams, who is with the Samuel Cupples Hardware Co. of St. Louis, but formerly stenographer in the U. S. P. S. of St. Louis, visited here during a portion of the holidays.

The marriage of Miss Artye M. Mason to Dr. J. J. Carter, of St. Joe, Mo., has been announced. Miss Artye was one of our brightest girls and we congratulate the doctor on his choice.

Jas. W. Wayland leaves this week for the capital where he will continue the mercantile business. Our best wishes go with him and we hope he may find his new venture both pleasant and profitable.

The old fish pond in the south part of town has claimed another victim. Christmas morning about 9 o'clock Jesse W. Williams, who made his home with his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Shipp, left the house saying he

was going to the pond to skate and have a good time. It is said he met a man who warned him about risking the ice, but he went on. Some two hours later some other boys went to the pond and while skating around a broken place in the ice discovered young Williams in the hole in a standing position, his head being only a few inches below the surface. They did not at first realize that he was dead and tried to attract his attention and, failing in this, gave the alarm and the body was soon recovered, and efforts made to restore life, but in vain. Dr. Hughes, coroner, was notified and held an inquest. Jesse was a son of John Williams, and since the death of his mother had made his home with his grandmother. He was 11 years old and was a manly fellow, well known about town by the name of "Toger," a nickname some one had given him. It will be remembered that Claude Dismukes was drowned in this same pond some five or six years ago. The father and grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins have the sympathy of all in their sad and sudden bereavement.

### Sumner Squibs.

A. D. Tufts moved to Oklahoma this week.

Corn is selling at 30 cts. and wheat at 64 cts. a bushel at this place.

The ball given at Dickson's opera-house Christmas night was well attended.

Wm. Smith, son of Mrs. James Smith, is here visiting his mother.

Our young people are having fine sport skating on Stanley lake. The ice is five inches thick.

Dr. J. W. Hardy and wife are "athome" in their cosy cottage on the corner of Second and Main streets.

Summer young people who are attending the different colleges are spending the holidays with homefolks.

Our public school closed for two weeks, thus giving teachers and pupils a chance to enjoy the holiday vacation.

The Christian Sunday-school had a Christmas tree and rendered a nice program Christmas eve. Everything passed off nicely.

The M. E. church people failed to have a Christmas tree for the first time in 18 years, but the Sunday-school children were treated Sunday.

Jos. Barnhart has returned from his prospecting tour south and west, which was made with the view to buying land, but he did not purchase.

Mrs. Simpson, who runs the Lakewood hotel, gave a strange young man shelter from the stormy blasts last week. He skipped the town Sunday evening after stealing her pocket-book containing \$17. No clue has been obtained as to where the ungrateful thief went, but there is no doubt as to where he will eventually go, unless he mends his ways.

John D. Stoner of 11-4 miles east of Sumner had his granary and barn and contents destroyed by fire about 11:30 o'clock Monday night. The fire was first discovered by a neighbor, J. L. Nelson, at whose house a party was being given, and who went to Mr. Stoner's and gave the alarm, finding all of the members of the family in bed fast asleep. By this time the flames had made such headway that the barn and granary were doomed to destruction nor could any of the contents be saved. The granary contained 3,200 bushels of wheat and about 25 bushels of rye. In the barn

there were five cultivators, a binder, wheat drill, harness, family carriage and other farming implements. The wheat was insured for \$1,500, but we did not learn what amount of insurance, if any, was carried on the granary and barn and contents.

### Mendon Mention.

H. C. Atterbury made a business trip to Keytesville Saturday.

Miss Doran is spending the holidays at her home in Memphis, Mo.

Mrs. Wm. Warriner and her daughter, Miss Lizzie, are spending the holidays in Kansas City.

H. C. Atterbury sold 26 head of 2-year-old steers to Wm. Riley of near Brunswick one day last week.

John Lucas who has been attending school at the state university in Columbia, is at home Christmas.

There are five cases of scarlet fever in Jonas Long's family and one in Ike Smith's family. Dr. W. B. Lucas reports them pretty bad.

Mrs. Eli Ward, who has been sick for some time with heart trouble, is, we are glad to say, some better. We hope she will soon be able to be up again.

Died, in Brunswick Dec. 26, 1902, Mrs. Minor, wife of Bunk Minor, of cancer of the liver. She was laid to rest the next day in the Mendon cemetery to await the resurrection morn. We weep with those who weep.

Died, of pneumonia in Mendon Dec. 8, 1902, "Grandma" Hearn. The remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Newcomer cemetery Dec. 30 to await the last summons to her eternal reward.

Our village school dismissed Tuesday afternoon for the Christmas holidays, and will resume duties again Monday, Jan. 5. Ye scribe hopes that the teachers and all the pupils will have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Dr. Lucas has purchased the old Monarch hotel building and will repair it and put it in shape for a hotel. Madam Rumor says Lou House will open up the hotel as soon as the doctor finishes repairing same. Since the fire Mendon has been in bad shape to handle the public. A hotel is badly needed here. These good men are to be commended for this move.

### Letter List.

The following is a complete list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Keytesville, Mo., post-office Jan. 2, 1903:

Miss Ester Beverly, Miss Maude Clay, Miss Beulah Patrick, H. C. Patrick, J. H. Patrick.

When calling for the above letters please say "advertised."

County atlases bought. MINTER & CRAWLEY, Courthouse.

Orval J. and Miss Bertha Cunningham, students of Baptist Female college, Lexington, Mo., and of Rush Medical college, Chicago, are enjoying the holiday vacation with Keytesville homefolks.

### Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss. In the Circuit Court of Chariton County, Missouri, at Keytesville, in vacation before the May term, 1903.

Mathew Clark, plaintiff.

Annell Noll, and Peter J. Noll, her husband, Mary Jane Clark, Patrick Clark, Thomas Clark, Mary Jane Clark, Daniel Clark, Annie Clark, Louis Clark, Margaret Jane Clark, Annie Catherine Clark, Frances E. Clark, Timothy P. Clark, Mathew T. Clark, Claude D. Clark, Dorcas Clark and Annie E. Clark. Defendants.

At this day comes the plaintiff herein, by his attorney, and files his petition, alleging, among other things, that the defendants, Mary Jane Clark, Daniel Clark, Annie Clark, Louis Clark, Margaret Jane Clark, Annie Catherine Clark, Frances E. Clark, Timothy P. Clark, Mathew T. Clark, Claude D. Clark, Dorcas Clark and Annie E. Clark, are not residents of the State of Missouri, and cannot be served with the ordinary process of Court.

Whereupon it is ordered by the Court in vacation that said defendants, Mary Jane Clark, Daniel Clark, Annie Clark, Louis Clark, Margaret Jane Clark, Annie Catherine Clark, Frances E. Clark, Timothy P. Clark, Mathew T. Clark, Claude D. Clark, Dorcas Clark and Annie E. Clark, be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this Court, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a judgment and decree of this Court, partitioning, among the heirs-at-law of Francis Clark, Sr., deceased, the following described real estate, situate in Chariton County, Missouri, to-wit:

The northwest quarter and the west half of the northeast quarter of section eight (8); the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter, and the north half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section seven (7); and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section sixteen (16); all in township fifty-six (56), range eighteen (18) west, in said County of Chariton. And that unless said defendants be and appear at this Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be begun and holden at the Courthouse in the City of Keytesville, in said County, on the 4th day of May, next, and on or before the first day of said term, answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the CHARITON COURIER, a weekly newspaper, published in said County and State aforesaid.

Z. T. LAMM, Circuit Clerk.

Fresh barrel open kettle New Orleans molasses at J. F. Whitesides.

Please remember that if you are in arrears on your subscription to the COURIER we sincerely hope you will see that the amount due us is paid by Jan. 1, 1903. All who do not respond to this call will be sent a statement Jan. 2, 1903.

### Trustee's Sale of Real Estate.

WHEREAS, John M. Ehrhardt, (now deceased) more than nine months and Annelle Ehrhardt, his wife, by their certain deed of trust made and dated December 1, 1897, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds within and for Chariton County, Missouri, under and to the said John M. Ehrhardt, as trustee, the following described real estate situate in said Chariton County and State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section eight (8), township fifty-five (55), range seventeen (17) which said deed of trust was executed to secure the payment of a certain promissory note in said deed of trust described, and which note is now past due and still unpaid; therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note and in accordance with the provisions of said deed, I will sell at public vendue, for cash, at the east front door of the Courthouse in the City of Keytesville, in said Chariton County, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon on

Saturday, the 24th day of January, 1903,

the real estate described for the purpose of satisfying said debt and costs of executing this trust.

Dec. 22, 1902. THOMAS J. MARTIN, Trustee.

### Notice of Sale Under Deed of Trust.

WHEREAS, John G. Noll and Pauline H. Noll his wife, by their certain deed of trust made and dated December 1, 1897, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds within and for Chariton County, Missouri, under and to the said John G. Noll, as trustee, the following described real estate situate in said Chariton County, Missouri, to-wit:

The north half of the northeast quarter, and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, and the northwest quarter of section three (3), township fifty-five (55), range twenty (20), containing 260 acres of land, in trust, to secure the payment of a certain principal promissory note in said deed of trust described, and which note is now past due and still unpaid; therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note and in accordance with the provisions of said deed, I will sell at public vendue, for cash, at the east front door of the Courthouse in the City of Keytesville, in said Chariton County, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon on

Saturday, the 24th day of January, 1903,

the real estate described for the purpose of satisfying said debt and costs of executing this trust.

Dec. 22, 1902. THOMAS J. MARTIN, Trustee.

Saturday, 10th day of January, A. D. 1903,

between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the Courthouse, in the City of Keytesville, Chariton County, Missouri, sell at public vendue, for cash, all or so much of the above described real estate as shall be sufficient to satisfy the debt and costs of this sale, and the lawful costs and expenses of such sale.

C. B. CRAWLEY, Trustee.

### Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss. In the Circuit Court of Chariton County, Missouri, at Salisbury, in vacation before the May term, 1903.

William M. Lewis, plaintiff.

Edward Bradley, or his unknown heirs, devisees and legal representatives, defendants.

At this day comes the plaintiff herein, by his attorney, and files his petition, alleging, among other things, under oath, that the defendants are unknown to him, that all said defendants are non-residents of the State of Missouri; that said defendants are interested in the subject matter of said petition, and that the plaintiff herein, by his attorney, has caused a copy of said petition to be published in the following described tract of land, situate in said Chariton County, Missouri, to-wit:

The east half of the northeast quarter of section twenty-seven (27), and the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section twenty-seven (27), all in township fifty-five (55), range twenty (20); that plaintiff is now in possession of said land, and that said land has been for more than thirty consecutive years before the filing of said petition in this Court, the same is in the peaceful, peaceable and exclusive possession of said land, holding and claiming the same as his own under record title deed, adversely to said defendants and all other persons, and paying all taxes assessed upon said property during said period.

And by which petition it is further alleged that said described lands were granted by the government of the United States to the defendant, Edward Bradley, or his heirs, devisees and legal representatives, to any person whomsoever; that said defendants have no other interest in said land than the adverse claim shown by said petition; that their rights thereunder have long since been lost and barred by limitation, and have passed to and vested in plaintiff, and praying the Court to grant him, and to divest defendants of all right, title and interest in said lands founded upon said petition, and to adjudge and decree the absolute title to be in plaintiff, and for all proper relief.

It is further ordered that unless the said defendants be and appear at this Court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the Courthouse in the City of Salisbury, in said County, on the 2nd day of February, next, and on or before the first day of said term, answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the CHARITON COURIER, a weekly newspaper, published in said County and State aforesaid.

Z. T. LAMM, Circuit Clerk.

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